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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant is in receipt of the Advisory Action of September 28, 2005, stating its proffered after-final amendments and remarks tendered in correspondence of August 22, 2005 and September 15, 2005 will not be entered. Applicant requests the non-entry of these prior amendments and remarks, and herein submits a new preliminary amendment with this Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant respectfully herein submits:

- 1) 13 pages Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment,
- 2) 1 page Request for Continued Examination Form PTO/SB/30, and
- 3) 1 page Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$790.00 for RCE Filing Fee.

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Reply to Office Action of: July 21, 2005 and Advisory Action of: September 28, 2005

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office's Final Office Action dated 07/21/2005 and Advisory Action dated 09/28/2005, the Applicant has timely filed with this Request for Continued Examination:

13 pages Preliminary Amendment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500323 AUTHORIZATION - All necessary fees relating to the attached submittal, if any, are intended to be included. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees relating to the submittal to deposit account 500323, registered to Vernon C. Maine P.L.L.C., dba Maine & Asmus, contact telephone no. 603-886-6100.